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Jenkins speaks about concerns

By Scott Girard KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

In her first trip to K-State since being elected in November, U.S. Rep. Lynn Jenkins, R-Kan., addressed

her con $c\ e\ r\ n\ s$ with the stimulus package passed last week and the possibility of Guantanamo Bay de-



Jenkins

tainees being moved to Fort Leavenworth on Tuesday morning in the K-State Student

Wearing a bright blue and green jacket and a large smile, Jenkins gave a sharp criticism of the stimulus package signed on Tues-day by President Barack Obama after few senators and representatives were able to read completely before the final vote.

"They may be worthy causes, but it just comes down to, do you want to give \$50 million to the National Endowment of the Arts and let it run through the government, or do you want us to give you the money and let you decide if you want to make a contribution to the National Endowment of the Arts," she

She said she supported an alternative stimulus package crafted by a few Senate Republicans that she claims would have created twice the jobs on half the funding. The proposal focused more on tax relief and funding for infrastructure, but it failed to gain any traction on Capitol Hill.

Jenkins also spoke vehemently against the possibility of transferring Guantanamo Bay detainees to Fort Leavenworth. She illustrated her point by stating the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College is located there.

"If we move those detainees there, it becomes a top terrorist target, and we just cannot risk the best and the brightest housed at a place that has now become a target," she said.

Jenkins also took several questions from the crowd, which ebbed and flowed throughout the morning as students passed through the Union. Questions ranged from concern about several recipients that were taken out of the stimulus bill to the future of nuclear power plants in Kansas and the U.S.

One question stirred some fervor was a question of how the stimulus bill would help higher education in the state Kansas. Jenkins fumbled for answers to the question, eventually saying that she thought the bill some infrastructure funding for higher educa-See JENKINS Page 8

State of Kansas checking account runs low

By Tim Schrag KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Kansas legislators are facing the brunt of economic hardship thanks to a worsening recession and a lower-than-predicted tax revenue. This can be seen in the state's checking account, which only had \$10 mil-

lion in it as of Monday. As a direct effect, the state did not have the \$24 million in its general funds to cover payroll for the state's 42,000 employees and about \$20 million for payments to Medicaid providers like doctors, hospitals and nursing homes.

Sydney Carlin, Rep.

D-Manhattan, said more than 11,000 paychecks alone could have been affected at K-State, including students, faculty members and other K-State employees if nothing

According to democratic legislators, Republicans, who hold majorities in both chambers, held Gov.

Kathleen Sebelius' proposal to borrow \$225 million from healthy state funds to cover shortages in the general state fund to meet the state's payroll and issue tax refunds, so Sebelius would sign the proposed 2009 budget bill. According to a press release, Sebelius signed the See CUTS Page 8

'Supersized' laughs

Documentarian shares inspiration

By Whitney Hodgin KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The K-State Student Union Ballroom was filled to the brim with students wanting to "Spend the Evening with Morgan Spurlock," an event sponsored by the UPC forums committee Tuesday night. The former stand-up comedian quickly won over a crowd of 500 with his physical humor and reflections on his film polytical server. tions on his filmmaking career.

Spurlock spoke of the trials and tribulations of the block-buster documentary "Supersize Me," for which he won Best Director at the 2004 Sundance Film Festival. He defended the decisions he made for the experimental film, during which he ate nothing but three square meals from McDonald's every day for a month.

He said the idea for the film came to him when he learned that two women were suing McDonald's for making them obese. While a big believer in personal responsibility, Spurlock said he wanted people to witness the effects fast food has on what McDonald's classifies as "heavy users," who eat fast food up to three times a week; and "super heavy users," who eat even more. Cast in that light, he said, the McDonald's mascots are more like drug dealers than clowns.

"Those French fries are like crack," he said, illustrating the uncontrollable urge to polish off a box of fries as soon as the drive-thru window slams shut.

The man obviously loves a good steak and a great burger.

See SPURLOCK Page 8



Author engages audience, delivers message



Sara Manco | COLLEGIAN

Hasani Pettiford asks the audience a question in the K-State Student Union Little Theatre on Tuesday night. Pettiford is an award-winning author and speaker who gives about 50 speeches a year.

By Amelia Wiederaenders KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Bursts of laughter rang through the K-State Student Union Little Theatre as speaker Hasani Pettiford educated the audience about not-so comical topics like pre-martial sex, STDs and self-respect.

Pettiford, an award-winning author, promised to keep his audience engaged during his message of "substance, not just sound" as he presented "Black Thighs, Black Guys and Bedroom Lies" on Tuesday night.

The group was encouraged to engage with Hasani during his presentation and take a hands-on approach to what he was saying.

The message he delivered to the crowd was of the dangers of premarital sex, cheating, self-value and re-

Throughout the presentation, Pettiford encouraged the group to think more deeply about the issues with analogies, using examples like comparing a women's womb to the universe, checking baggage at the gate before entering into a new relationship and having problems with a house one is trying to sell, compared to not working through personal issues before entering a relationship.

"You're worth more than a Happy Meal" Pettiford said to the women of the group. "The way you get a man is the way you're going to have to keep that man," Pettiford said as he encouraged women to treat themselves with respect.

Clips from movies like "One Week" and "Baby Boy" were shown to further the point of the destruction of unhealthy relationships and the dangers of

Camille Wilson, freshman in criminology and psychology, attended the event and said she thought she learned a lot from the event and plans to apply the information she learned to her relationship.

"I took notes for my boyfriend," Wilson said. Jasmine Hammond, junior in public relations and the coordinator for the event, heard of Pettiford at an

event a year ago and decided to bring him to K-State. "I thought this will be good for the people I hang around," said Hammond.

Assaults end in arrests

By Frank Male KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

A bar fight Friday night led to

two police arrests. Police responded to a fight in progress at Rusty's Last Chance at 10 p.m. and found a man unconscious on the dance floor, according to Lt. Kurt Moldrup of the Riley County Police Department. After investigation, officers arrested Benito Segurapaniagua, 25, and Joseph Rosado, 21, both of Fort Riley, and charged them with aggravated battery. The victim was alleg-

edly struck in the head and face. According to another RCPD report, police responded to an incident at 1314 Fremont St. Matthew Vernon, 20, was arrested early Saturday morning and charged with aggravated assault, aggravated battery, three counts of unlawful discharge of a firearm and minor in consumption. The suspect allegedly aimed and fired a shotgun above a party guest's head three times.

Joseph Duff, 25, of Manhattan, was arrested Friday for five counts of sexual exploitation of a child, according to another report. A police investigation resulting from a tip led to the discovery of child pornography on a computer and paper prints.



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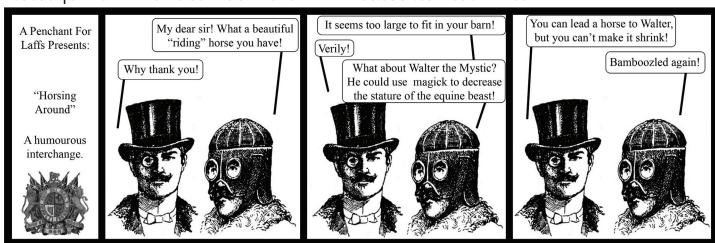
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The Business and Hospitality Career Fair will be today from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the second floor of the K-State Student Union. It is sponsored by Career and Employment Services.

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Robyn Seglem at 1 p.m. today in Bluemont 368. The thesis topic is "It's Like Having a Library and You Don't Get to Go: Educators Negotiating Boundaries When Working With New Literacies."

The Disney College Program will give presentations on internships at 5 p.m. today and 12:30 p.m. Thursday in the K-State Student Union 213.

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Sherry Miller at 9 a.m. Thursday in Chalmers 036. The thesis topic is "RNA Interference in the Red Flour Beetle Tribolium Castaneum."

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ciety are now available online at www.k-state.edu/mortarboard. Juniors and seniors with 75 or more credit hours and a 3.0 GPA are encouraged to apply. Applications are due by noon Friday.

The Design Expo will be Monday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the K-State Student Union Ballroom. It is sponsored by Career and **Employment Services**

The Student Homecoming Committee is seeking applicants. Pick up an application at the K-State Alumni Center or complete one online at www.k-state.com/homecoming. Applications are due by 5 p.m. Feb. 25.

Career and Employment Services is sponsoring a spring Dining Etiquette program at 5:30 p.m. Feb. 26 in the Derby Dining Center's Gold Room. Students will learn the finer points of dining while interviewing. Professional business attire is required. The cost is \$7.50 per person (or \$5 for students with a K-State meal plan). Reservations must be made by Friday through CES by calling 785-532-6506 or stopping by Holtz 100.

Recreational Services is offering an eight-session nutrition class for K-State students and faculty members interested in learning more about making better food choices. The class will meet from 12:15 to 12:45 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning March 3. The \$25 registration fee includes all eight sessions. Sign

up by Feb. 27 in the administrative office at Peters Recreation Complex. For more information, contact Melissa Haug at 785-

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Mark Harrison at 2:30 p.m. March 12 in Rathbone 3053. The thesis topic is "The Effects of Using Aliovalent Doping in Cerium Bromide Scintillation Crystals."

A \$500 scholarship for the fall semester for nontraditional **students is being offered** by the League of Women Voters. The deadline is March 15. Check with the Office of Nontraditional Student Services in Holton 101 or www.ksu.edu/adult/scholarships for more information.

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of William Bryant at 10:30 a.m. March 25 in Ackert 324. The thesis topic is "Caspases and Caspase Regulators in Lepidoptera and Diptera."

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WEIRD NEWS

CHINESE MISTRESS CONTEST ENDS IN DEATH

BEIJING - A married Chinese businessman who could no longer afford five mistresses held a competition to decide which one to keep.

But the contest took a fatal turn when one of the women, eliminated for her looks, drove the man and the four other competitors off a cliff, Chinese media reported. The spurned mistress died, and the

other passengers were injured. Police learned of the contest through

a letter the dead woman had left behind.

WOMAN USES WEDGIE TO CAPTURE THIEF

SALT LAKE CITY – It took a wedgie and a headlock to pin down a man suspected of breaking into a car. Yvonne Morris, a technician at the Brickyard Animal Hospital, said she chased a man who broke into a coworker's car, but he kept squirming.

Morris eventually grabbed the man's boxer shorts and pulled. Salt Lake City police said she then she put a headlock on the man until help could arrive.

The man was booked into the Salt Lake County jail on suspicion of vehicle burglary, possession of stolen property and outstanding warrants.

WOMAN TO STAND TRIAL FOR PIERCING CATS

WILKES-BARRE, Pa. – A dog groomer has been ordered to stand trial on animal cruelty charges for selling "gothic kittens" with ear, neck and tail piercings.

Holly Crawford's home outside Wilkes-Barre was raided Dec. 17 after the county Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals got a tip.

A prosecutor said Crawford inflicted pain on the cats, which were listed for sale for hundreds of dollars on the Internet. Crawford's attorney said state law says nothing about piercing cats or docking their tails.

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Council votes against child care regulations

By Brandon Steinert KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

More than a dozowners of registered childcare services in Manhattan attended Tuesday night's city commission meeting. They came to debate against an ordinance which would require annual facility inspections, training and a \$35 permit fee for registered childcare providers. The ordinance failed 2-3.

Licensed child care providers are required to be inspected annually, while registered providers, or those which house six or fewer children, are only inspected on a complaint and/or request basis.

Unnecessary govern-

ment intrusion, furthering the shortage of child care in Manhattan and a lack of support for the legislation were the primary arguments against the ordinance.

Those who favored the ordinance argued an increase in safety education among in-home child care service providers would result in better overall ser-

Mayor Mark Hatesohl said the problem probably only lies with a small percentage of providers and is where the child care industry and the health department should target to solve the problem.

The question is 'how do we get at the five percent who are mucking it up for the rest of the providers?" Hatesohl said.

The construction contract of a new City Park Pool has been awarded to Capri Pools and Aquatics in St. Louis, Mo. The pool will begin construction in Sept., 2009 and will be finished in time for summer

The construction of a splash park was also awarded to Capri Pools and Aquatics to be completed before this summer to accommodate the demands for water activities until the pool is finished.

Commissioners also approved a plan to refinance a loan used for the downtown redevelopment projects. The need to refinance came from a delay in the project's progress, which was caused by a variety of reasons, including a lawsuit against the city and recent economic downturns.

Bernie Hayen, director of finance, said refinancing will cost the city slightly more than originally intended, but is needed to accommodate the new time frame.

Riley County and the City of Manhattan will provide sewer service to a rural Konza area by splitting the financial burden two ways. Tuesday the commission voted in favor to participate in the project.

Zoning issues and a bridge crossing Wildcat Creek into Anneberg park were also approved.

Nonviolence studies certificate available to K-State students

By Amelia Wiederaenders KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

In a world that can seem overrun with violence at times, K-State is taking a stand by offering a certificate in nonviolence studies.

The certificate is 15 credit hours with two required courses - Introduction to Nonviolence Studies and Applied Nonviolence Feminist Practice. The certificate is the brainchild of Susan Allen, nonviolence education director and director of the Office of Student Life.

it is important for students to learn how to create sustainable relationships by practicing nonviolence in their daily lives.
"We have to up-

method," she said.

Allen also said con-

Thea Nietfel, nonviolence communication instructor and Unitarian Universalist minister, visited the class Monday to

upset her parents and in turn, escalate the situa-

would simply stand there silently.

Allen said she thinks

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flict comes from unbalanced relationships, which create an unhealthy atmosphere.

Introduction to Nonviolence Studies, which is taught by Allen this semester, focuses on learning how to communicate nonviolently.

share her experience with nonviolence. As a child, Nietfel said her two younger brothers would fight, which would

To resolve the conflict, Nietfeld said she

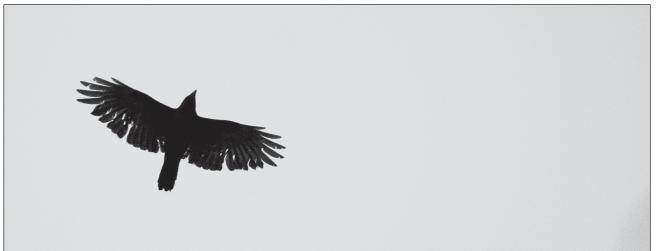
"One learns that a calm presence makes a really big difference in a conflict situation," she

Nietfeld's story dem-onstrated to the Intro students one of the many ways to practice nonviolence.

"It's an exciting class to be involved in," said Torry Dickinson, professor of women's studies.

Dickinson said the class is geared toward creating change in local and global conditions that lead to violence and creating more peaceful, egalitarian and just social relations, which she said contribute to a better world.





A single blackbird soars above Sunset Avenue at dusk on Monday.

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Parents 'buying' students' internships a popular idea

By Jacie Noel

KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Trying to get an internship can be stressful for most students. Some students across the country, however, are finding internship opportunities in a new way, with their parents' financial support.

According to an article in the Wall Street Journal, "some parents are paying for-profit companies to place their college students in internships that are mostly unpaid."

Others hire marketing consultants to create direct-mail campaigns to promote their children's workplace potential. Parents have also been known to buy internships outright through online charity auc-

The Wall Street Journal also said internship-placement programs have seen the demand rise 15-25 percent over the last year.

LaToya Farris, assistant director

with internships at Career and Employment Services, said she does not know much about parents who pay for student internships.

Farris said she has heard of the University of Dreams program, where parents or students pay the program to provide an internship.

According to the University of Dreams Web site, "the placement guarantee is that we will help secure you an internship that you approve in your industry of choice, or you will receive your money back. We stand by our guarantee, as we have successfully placed over 99 percent of our enrolled participants since

While programs like these offer benefits, students can see both positives and negatives.

Rachel Janssen, freshman in elementary education, said she could see both sides of the program.

"I think it would be good because [students] could get more ex-

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perience, but they didn't earn their way there because their parents paid for it," Janssen said.

Farris said she does not know of any students having problems getting internships because of the economy. She said there is more of a problem trying to find full-time jobs.

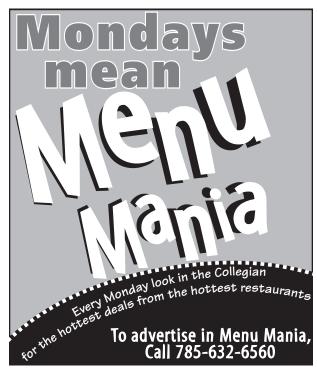
According to the Wall Street Journal article, some critics of the paid-for internship programs said they make the process too easy for students to find jobs.

Though there might be criticism, the use of these kind of pro-

grams still seems to be on the rise. Alex Breitenbach, junior in construction science, said he might consider a program similar to University of Dreams if he knew more about it.

However, Janssen said she wouldn't consider a paid-for internship program.

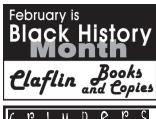
"If I got an internship, I would want to have earned it," Janssen





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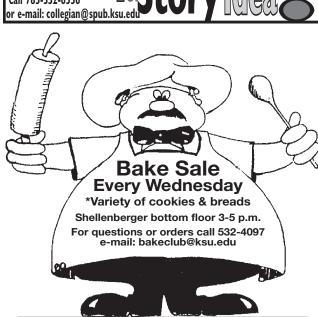
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Combating hate

Tunnel of Oppression fights discrimination, stereotypes



ELIZAVETA ZHEGANINA

Our society is conditioned to think of hate and hate crimes as property of the past. Almost surreal and hardly realistic images of discrimination and oppression have taken the form of numbers, graphs and pictures in textbooks. Occasionally, they surface in documentaries on the Civil Rights Movement or broadcasts on the History Channel.

Because we are insensitive to violence and its representations, we rarely admit that numbers, graphs, pictures and images stand for real things. It is even scarier to acknowledge that this reality does not only belong to the past but thrives in the present as well.

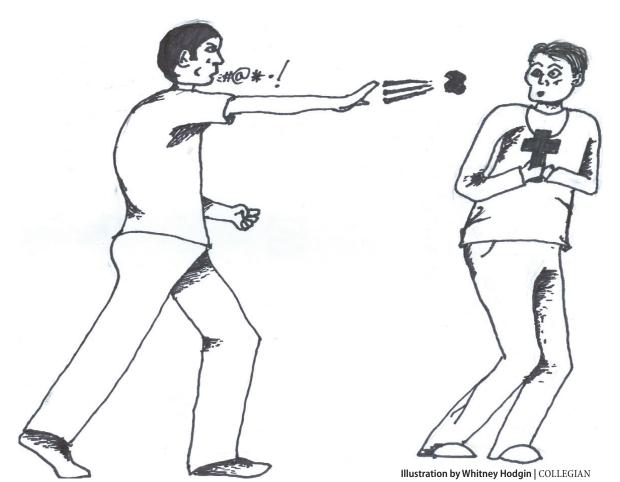
Hate assumes many forms. While we tend to conceptualize controversy in black and white, hate's numerous means of expression exist outside of this painfully familiar framework. Discrimination based on religion, national origin, sexual orientation and even body type has firmly entrenched itself in our society. We purposefully resist seeing this discrimination as hate. Instead, our society flattens expressions of this hatred onto pages with statistics and occasional pictures.

Once transferred to the one-dimensional medium of printed communication, these images instantly become unreal; they become characteristic of the past.

For example, from 1882 to 1968, more than 4,700 lynchings occurred in the U.S. More than 3,450 victims were black. Though these numbers are large, it is known that not all the incidents were recorded. If our textbooks fail to account for the reality of the past, what about the present?

In November 2007, the New York Times reported the level of hate crimes in the United States as "astoundingly high." According to a 2005 study conducted by the Department of Justice, more than 190,000 hate crimes and incidents occurred per year. The number of hate groups has also seen a tremendous increase. According to an annual count by the Southern Poverty Law Center, the number has risen 40 percent, from 602 groups in 2000 to 844 in 2006.

While nationwide statistics can seem remote, inconsequential and hardly believable, hate flourishes



sometimes just a block away.

Statistically, every year more than 500,000 college students become targets of bias-driven slurs or physical assaults. Every day, at least one hate crime occurs on a college campus. Every minute, a college student is exposed to racist, sexist, homophobic or otherwise biased words or images.

The Tunnel of Oppression, a campus-wide program sponsored by the Association of Residence Halls, helps students realize that hate is property of the present as much as the past. The Tunnel leads its participants through a series of rooms, each designed to represent a certain form of oppression and discrimination, clearly and loudly bringing home one point: hate is real, it exists around us today, and it assumes many shapes and forms.

One-dimensional graphs, numbers and pictures from textbooks gain shocking realism in the Tun-

nel. The experience is not intended to offend or bring about tension, but encourages individuals to be aware of the reality of hateful words, images and stereotypes.

The Tunnel is designed to challenge people's perceptions and feelings on issues dealing with oppression and hatred. It also encourages participants to think about what should be done, thus becoming the first step on the road from oppression to hope.

The Tunnel of Oppression is located at 1001 Sunset Ave. It is free and is open to the public from 7 to 9 tonight. Free shuttle service is available from the Derby Dining Center entrance, the circle drive in front of Goodnow Hall and the K-State Student Union.

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Excessive technological communication hurts human interaction



JASON MILLER

For one day only, take those texting hands and let them swing freely as you walk from and sit in class today. I know you are laughing right now, but seriously, I double dare you! Our world has become so addicted to technology that we have lost the most important part of being human: humanity. Walking around campus today

is like awakening in a weird science fiction movie. No one makes eye contact; more often than not, people are talking on their cell phones, texting or simply sliding through the crowd with their MP3 players on and ear buds in.

Believe it or not, just 10 short years ago, having a cell phone was considered quite a luxury. It might seem strange, but people survived without updating their nearest and dearest with everything they did each day. Now, cell phones have invaded our lives and become a necessity. The extreme abuse of this necessity, however, is an addiction at best, and clearly damaging to people.

Written English is receiving the brunt of this abuse, and with texting being so common, it will only continue to affect our language. "Text speak" is seamlessly sliding into many students' writing and schoolwork. Substituting numbers for letters and the constant dropping of vowels is being seen in es-

says and exam papers.

While our writing is suffering, so are our social skills. Abuse of text messaging has been linked to social retraction. Don't believe me? As you find your seat in class today, look around and see how many people are having face-to-face conversations versus staring at their lap with their fingers furiously moving across their phone's keypad. Or better yet, sit in the back of class one day and watch how many cell phones are resting on notebooks or being flipped open to the side and then a thumb begins racing through T9 as if it were a national emergency to get the word out that you "had fun last night, can't wait 2 C U later ;-)" or for many, "hd fn lst nght, cnt wt 2 C U l8r;-)."

The problem with this craving for constant communication is that there really is no communication with it. This portable version of instant messaging is negatively affecting our society both socially and educa-

tionally. Expressions and verbal articulation cease to exist today. LOL, WTF and emoticons have taken the place of real-life conversations. Hearing bad news from a friend and taking the time to text might seem sweet, but a sad emoticon is far from the human interaction people need.

Texting has also provided a spineless approach for bad news to be given. Almost everyone reading this has either broken up with or broke off plans with someone else via phone because they were too scared to do it in person. If you come away with nothing else, try saying "hi" to someone you walk by or perhaps carry on a conversation with a neighbor in class. Who knows — you just might make a new friend to text to. ;-)

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Political Poetry

Newspaper poems are short, easy to understand commentary on current events that serve the same purpose as an editorial, which is to inform and entertain readers, incite conversation and further diversify the voice of the Collegian.

PAYCHECKS OPTIONAL

By Steven Miller KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Everybody, have you heard? Republicans went rogue And would not, could not, sign A bill so Kansans will know

They're getting a paycheck this week. Of course they have reasons, A bill all their own, long and odd That's, for this year's season

More important than families Eating. Politicians Should know about child care over Simple pediatricians —

At least they act like it. So here's to Representatives and so sorry state workers Reps have no more to give! TO THE POINT

Partisanship goes too far in Kansas payroll battle

TO THE POINT is an editorial selected and debated by the editorial board and written after a majority opinion is formed. This is the Collegian's official opinion.

The State of Kansas was almost not able to meet its payroll this coming Friday and had stopped sending tax refunds because the money in its main bank account could not cover the costs.

Gov. Kathleen Sebelius proposed borrowing money from other funds, but Republicans in the Kansas legislature blocked the proposal. Tuesday evening, Gov. Sebelius signed a bill to balance the state's budget, and Republican leaders said they will approve a plan to borrow the money.

What it really comes down to is the issue of partisanship. It has been a political problem on both the state and national levels for a long time and needs to change. Republicans and Democrats should work together to come up with solutions instead of working against each other.

Politicians need to remember there are people who are at the receiving ends of the policies they choose to approve — or not. They should be able to forget their political affiliation and power plays to do what is best for their constituents, whose lives — and livelihoods — they affect.

THE FOURUM 785-395-4444

The Campus Fourum is the Collegian's anonymous call-in system. The Fourum is edited to eliminate vulgar, racist, obscene and libelous comments. The comments are not the opinion of the Collegian nor are they endorsed by the

editorial staff. **She'd** need to be a three out of 10.

On my 21st birthday, my dad bet me \$21 I wouldn't poop in the guys' bathroom at Rusty's. I did, and I'm a girl.

Katie, go now!

KU is not just another game. We don't stand outside from the night before 'til the morning after in freezing temperatures for just another game.

You are welcome for the 1:30 a.m. fire drill at Haymaker.

The comic in today's paper is the best it's ever been. Thanks, Lydia.



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IN THE KNOW

NO CHARGES FOR PHELPS



The South Carolina lawman who drew criticism for launching a criminal investigation over the Internet-disseminated photo of the Olympian smoking a bong has announced that he will not pursue charges against Beijing's golden boy.

Richland County Sheriff Leon Lott, who has already arrested eight other coed ne'erdo-wells as a result of his investigation, nevertheless defended his decision to investigate Phelps.

"Ignore it and be criticized or address it and be criticized," he said. "I chose to do what was right.

"Michael Phelps is truly an American sports hero ... Even with his star status, he is still obligated to obey the laws of our state. He is not immune from his responsibilities to do what is right. He is also human and can make

As for the 14-time medalist, who has already suffered sponsor fallout for the indiscretion, Phelps was quick to issue vet another mea culpa in the wake of the sheriff's Monday decision. —eonline.com

PANATTIERE, VENTIMIGLIA BREAK UP



Heroes costars Hayden Panettiere and

Milo Ventimiglia have called it quits. "It was a lifestyle conflict," a source close to the couple tells Us, adding that the split happened within the last week. "They

were in very different places."

Adds the insider, "They are still on friendly terms. There are no hard feelings."

The source tells Us that Panettiere, 19, "is young. She likes to go out in the Hollywood scene and that's not his style." Ventimiglia, 31, "has been concentrating on work on his production company [Divide Pictures]," the source adds.

The two, who began dating in 2008, had been an open secret for months – in part because of their 12-year age gap.

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SALMA MARRIES BABY'S DADDY



Salma Hayek picked a most romantic time and place to get married: Valentine's Day in Paris.

The Mexican-born actress wed French magnate Francois-Henri Pinault in a civil ceremony Saturday at the City Hall in Paris' chic 6th arrondissement, according to an official there.

Hayek's spokeswoman, Cari Ross, confirmed in an e-mail Monday that the marriage had taken place in Paris Saturday.

No further details were provided. The nuptials followed a rocky romance.

The two met in Italy in 2006, announced their engagement and had a baby, Valentina Paloma, in September 2007. Last year they broke off their engagement but made up a few months later.

-huffingtonpost.com

REALITY STAR MARRIES



GOODY

Jade Goody exchanged wedding rings with her partner Jack Tweed after being told she has months to live.

The couple staged the private ceremony on the side of the River Thames after doctors allowed the dying reality television star to leave the Royal Marsden hospital where she had been receiving treatment for cervical cancer.

Goody, 27, and Tweed, 21, plan to marry formally in the next two weeks but wanted to mark their partnership before she became too weak, the Daily Mirror reported.

Goody was told last week that nothing more can be done to stop the spread of her cancer, and needs a wheelchair to get around.

When Jade slipped the ring on to Jack's finger they both burst into tears. It was a beautiful moment between just the two of them and they wanted it that way," a friend told the newspaper.

—telegraph.co.uk

KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Thoughts from Snyder



Snyder HEAD FOOTBALL COACH

To the amazing students of Kansas State University:

Your support of the basketball team Saturday afternoon continues to be amazing. You mean so very much to players and coaches. I greatly appreciate your visible support of your university and your athletic programs. And a very special thank you for the heartwarming reception you have given my family and me at the basketball games. You are the best!

Coach Bill Snyder

Wildcats can't afford to let up



JUSTIN **NUTTER**

Though Saturday's loss to instate rival Kansas may have let some of the wind out of K-State's sails, there's no reason for Wildcat faithfuls to panic.

It's no secret a win against KU would have likely punched K-State's ticket to the NCAA Tournament in March, but the Wildcats still have plenty of opportunities to pad their résumé - especially in the next week.

Don't get me wrong. K-State, considered a bubble team by many, is still in the hunt, but the Wildcats can't afford to let off the gas at any point between now and Selection Sunday.

Iowa State, statistically a conference bottom-dweller, is an entirely different team on their own floor the Wildcats are just 3-9 in Ames, Iowa, since the inception of the Big 12. Missouri, a team that K-State crushed in Manhattan on Jan. 28, has won five straight since that game and is ranked No. 10 in the country.

It won't get any easier. On Feb. 28, the Wildcats return to Bramlage Coliseum to take on a surprising Nebraska team that handed them a 73-51 loss – the Wildcats' most lopsided setback of the season. K-State then takes on Oklahoma State in Stillwater. Okla.. where the Wildcats have won just once in the last 20 years.

K-State closes out its regular season at home against Colorado on March 7, then returns to Oklahoma for the Big 12 Tournament days later.

Regardless of the situation they're in, the Wildcats could obviously help their case even more with a strong

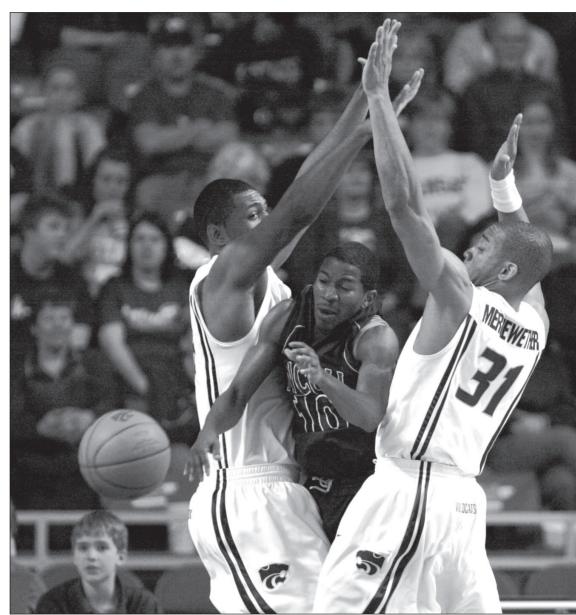
showing in Oklahoma City. Long story short: last night's drubbing of North Carolina Central was K-State's final "easy game" of the season, so the Wildcats will need a solid, team-wide effort game in and game out to secure a spot on the 64-team bracket next month. They have already turned plenty of heads this season, but they still have work to do if they want the chance to showcase their talent at the national level.

One factor in the Wildcats' favor is the depleted state of the Big 12 conference. Even after Saturday's loss, K-State is still in fourth place in conference standings. Keep in mind the Wildcats are already overachieving by many people's standards - they were picked to finish eighth in the preseason coaches' poll. If K-State can maintain its pace and secure a first-round bye in the conference tournament, fans should expect to see the Wildcats in the Big

K-State has already done this season what many thought it couldn't. The Wildcats have won on the road, won close games, and most importantly, established themselves as a contender in the conference. An appearance in the NCAA Tournament would be an exclamation point on an already eye-opening season. The prize is within the Wildcats' reach and is theirs to lose. Time to step up and finish the job.

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Closing in



Matt Castro | COLLEGIAN

Junior center Luis Colon and guard Chris Merriewether block guard Jamar Briscoe during the North Carolina Central basketball game in Bramlage Coliseum. The Wildcats won by 46 points.

K-State dominates North Carolina Central

Bv Brad Dornes KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The K-State men's basketball team finished its nonconference schedule for the regular season Tuesday night as it welcomed the North Carolina Central Eagles into Bramlage Coliseum. The Wildcats defeated the Eagles 95-49.

The 46-point margin of victory was the second largest of the season for the

"It was just one of those kind of games to get our confidence back," said sophomore forward Dominique Sutton. "We knew we were going to win this game – it was just how we were going to go about it."

K-State (18-8, 6-5 Big 12 Conference) started the game on a 10-3 run and never looked back – dominating the Eagles in almost every aspect of the game.

There was a scary moment for the Wildcats as senior forward Darren Kent went up for a lay-up and was fouled during the first half. Kent stayed down on the floor for a couple minutes until he walked to the locker room on his own.

"Darren's fine," head coach Frank Martin said. "He just got whacked in the

K-State didn't let the stoppage in play slow them down as they took a 46-24 lead into halftime on 62.1 percent shooting from the field, which included hitting 5-of-8 3-pointers. Tonight's game marked the seventh straight game in which the Wildcats had the lead at halftime this season.

After halftime, K-State continued to apply defensive pressure to the Eagles, forcing 20 turnovers and converting those turnovers into 32 points

The Wildcats also dominated the paint, outscoring NCCU 52-18 in the lane. K-State also outrebounded the Eagles 47-22. Of those 47 rebounds, K-State had 14 offensive rebounds, which they converted into 25 second-half points.

Tonight's game marked the 20th time this season the Wildcats have outrebounded their opponent.

"We had trouble with their size," NCCU head coach Henry Dickerson said. "They are one of the bigger and stronger teams that we played against

Every Wildcat, except for Denis Clemente, who was serving a one-game suspension for his technical foul during Saturday's KU game, saw the floor. And every K-State player scored except for freshman guard Justin Warner.

The Cats were led by Sutton's 16 points, but five other K-State players – Jamar Samuels, Ron Anderson, Luis Colon, Fred Brown and Buchi Awaji – each scored in double digits.

Freshman guard Jamar Briscoe, who had 18 points and five assists, led the Ea-

K-State improved to 12-3 in nonconference games and is 14-3 at home this season.

Next up for the Wildcats are the Iowa State Cyclones on Saturday. The game is in Ames, Iowa, with tipoff sched-

Women look to pounce on Tigers, set record for road wins

Ashley

By Britton Drown KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Following a victory at home this weekend against Oklahoma State in their "Pink Zone" game, the Wildcats will travel to Columbia, Mo., tonight, looking to sweep the Tigers while playing another game dedicated to breast cancer awareness.

K-State (20-3, 9-3 Big 12 Conference) will attempt to set a school record for road wins this season while also putting its third-place position in the Big 12 on the line. The Cats will wear their pink uniforms again for Missouri's "Pink Zone" event.

Senior point guard Shalee Lehning, who missed the Wildcats' game against Oklahoma State on Sunday with a mononucleosis infection, missed practice on Monday and is out on a day-to-day basis. Deb Patterson said Lehning

will travel with the team, and a decision about playing will be made today. The Wildcats faced Missouri

previously this season in Manhattan on Feb. 4 and defeated the Tigers 58-54 after struggling in the first half offensively. The Wildcats have struggled on the road recently, losing

against Baylor and Iowa State in their previous two road trips. 'We know it is going to be a really great challenge on the

road for us right now," Patterson "We have got to bring a great game, and we have got to be good on the road. Our last

road game was a loss - we have

got to find a way to get our next

Big 12 road win."

Sweat, who led the Wildcats in scoring with 25 points in their previous outing against the Tigers, said playing Missouri just two weeks ago will prove to be advantageous. "A lot of the stuff that they

forward

Junior

run is fresh in our heads, and the scout that we have on them is fresh in our heads," Sweat said.

The Tigers have lost six of their previous seven games in conference play, with the one win coming at home against KU. However, the Tigers have proven to be a better team when playing at home this season with an 8-5 record overall at the Miz-

zou Sports Arena. We have got to be really tough on the road," said junior guard Kari Kincaid. "Everywhere we go in the Big 12 is a hard place to play, and we have got to bring even better focus and intensity than we did against Baylor."

Despite the Wildcats' recent road struggles, Patterson said she thinks this road game is of great importance to her team's season. Though the Wildcats have proven they can win at home this season with a perfect 11-0 record, the Wildcats are 2-3 on the road during conference play.

"If we want to stay really competitive at the very top level in this league, right now is when you have to dig in and get some wins," Patterson said.

Tipoff for the Wildcats' game against Missouri is scheduled for 6:30 p.m.

It will be broadcast on the K-State Sports Network locally on 1350 KMAN.



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Senior guard Danielle Zanotti drives to the basket during Saturday's

game against Oklahoma State.

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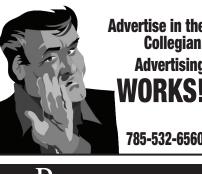
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CUTS | State legislators make decisions to try to balance budget

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bill but vetoed several components, solving the current budget gap and protecting public schools from the drastic cuts proposed by the House and Senate.

"This budget represents deeper cuts than I would have preferred, but we have a shared responsibility to make these difficult decisions and enact a balanced budget," Sebelius said in the release.

State Treasurer Dennis McKinney said during the months of February and March, cash balances are low, and the \$225 million transfer – or certificate of indebtedness – into the state general fund is needed to hold the state over until tax receipts start to file in March and April. A certificate of indebtedness is a transfer of funds from one state account to another that must be paid back by June 30.

Rep. Tom Hawk, D-Manhattan, said GOP leaders held on to the transfer because they felt without the budget bill signed, there would not be enough funds available to pay back the certificate

In an Associated Press article Tuesday, Senate Majority Leader Derek Schmidt, R-Independence, accused Sebelius of "manufacturing a crisis," blaming her for the budget freezing that could have been prevented had she just signed the budget bill.

McKinney also said he was concerned with paying the state's bills.

"We've had budget struggles in the past, but we've always paid our bills on time," he said. "We are going to cut spending and this funds transfer needs to take place at the same time to allow us to pay our bills on time."

The State Finance Council has the authority to issue a certificate and will meet 2 p.m. today to determine what will be done.

SPURLOCK | Filmmaker gives playful, informational talk

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His description of Outback Steakhouse's Bloomin' Onions was downright erotic. He played with the audience's appetite by ending the greasy mental image with a nutrition fact. When followed by a baked potato, steak dinner and dessert, the typical meal delivers a whopping 3,500-5,500 calories.

Spurlock defends his first documentary on the grounds he was disseminating information, an attitude that wreaked of citizen journalism.

"If you have the ability to help someone, you should," he said.

His TV show, "30 Days," challenged people who occupied polar opposite positions in life to switch places for a month.

"So many great things came out of the TV series," he said. "There were

Why don't I need antibiotics?

so many things I got to do that I wouldn't have been able to without the show."

Armon Means, area coordinator of photography for the art department, asked Spurlock who his inspirations were for filmmaking. He credited Michael Moore for commercializing documentaries.

"If it weren't for "Roger and Me" and "Bowling for Columbine," "Supersize Me" wouldn't have happened. He opened the door for a lot of filmmakers," Spurlock said.

"He's got a really nice balance of information and playfulness that engages the audience and gets them active," Means said. "It's nice to see we're able to draw from outside the walls of K-State. Things that are culturally progressive and important have a role in the community."

JENKINS | U.S. Rep. speaks about Pell grants, stimulus bill

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tion, and one audience member mentioned that the bill also increased the amount of Pell grants for college students.

This led another crowd member to speak up against Jenkins, questioning her knowledge of the bill and calling her address little more than partisan rhetoric.

Lee Modesitt, sophomore in political science, said he believed Jenkins did a solid job of explaining her reasoning behind voting against the stimulus bill and why she believes it will hurt Kansans

sans.
"I think Lynn did an excellent job of addressing a lot of the issues," he

said.

"I just wish more students would have been here to hear her presentation; it's always good to have a U.S. representative here."



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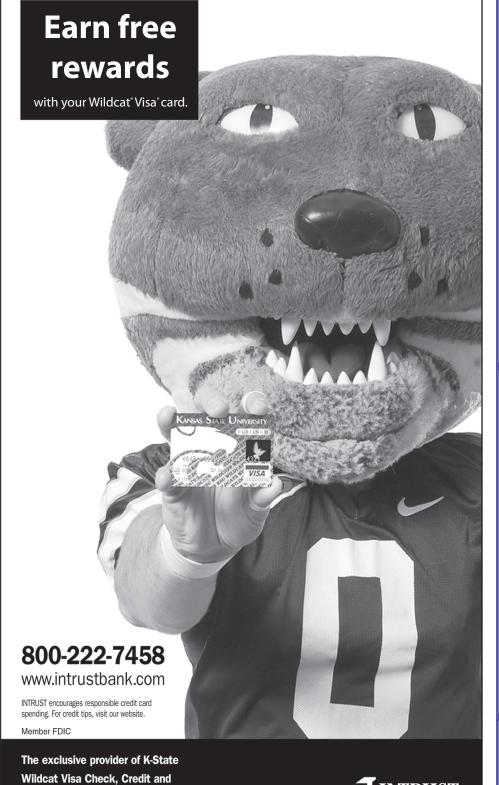
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Movie Night

7:30 p.m. Little Theatre in the Union Wednesday, February 25th

Film: *I Am Beautiful Project*- This powerful, uplifting 44-minute documentary focuses on the rich stories women have to tell about coming to terms with their self-image. Explore the obstacles many women have overcome to claim their beauty and worth. Features women from the book, I Am Beautiful, as well as celebrities including Courteney Cox Arquette, Gayle King, Gloria Steinem, Linda Ellerbee and Trisha Yearwood.

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